



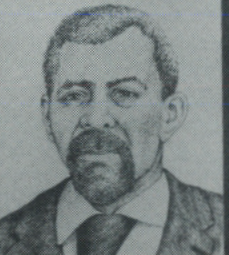


Sons of Utah Pioneers

LEGACY OF THE BLACK PIONEER

In 1824-26 the first black man came into Utah Territory. He was a trapper for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. His name was James Beckworth. In succeeding years many black people would follow to contribute to the development of Utah, socially and economically.

In July of 1847, three (3) black men, slaves, were selected to journey with Orson Pratt, Mormon apostle, into the Salt Lake Valley. They were: Green Flake, Oscar Crosby, and Hark Lay, each in turn provided by their owners, James Flake, William Crosby, and William Lay, members of the pioneer groups of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Utah was a slave state and remained so until the Emancipation Proclamation was effected.



GREEN FLAKE
born at Mississippi April 26, 1815 in Baton Rouge, La.

Many black pioneers followed in pioneer groups. They assisted their owners as directed. When they were freed, the owners assisted them in acquiring lands of their own in the Cottonwood, and Fort Union areas. They cultivated the land, built homes and raised families and in every way contributed to the socio-economic growth of the Salt Lake area.

In this, the Mill Creek Area, land was secured by Sylvester James Samuel Chambers, and Sylvester Perkins. Each proved to be successful farmers who would market their produce to leaders of the community.

In 1888 Paul C. Howell and his family established their home in the 12th-14th Ward in Salt Lake City. He became the first black policeman in Salt Lake City.

Dan Bankhead Freeman was the first black child born in Utah.

The black pioneers of Utah have left a great and lasting contribution that is remembered and appreciated. Their descendants have excelled in the arts, athletics, and education.

Descendants of these pioneers reside in the East Mill Creek area at this time. They are respected and appreciated neighbors.

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Beehive	40
Mesa	40
Twin Peaks	36
Box Elder	28
Salt Lake City	26
Brigham Young	26
Little Colorado River	22
South Davis	21
Olympus Hills	21
At Large Members	19
Settlement Canyon	18
Temple Fork	16
Ogden Pioneer	15
Oquirrh Mountains	14
Taylorville/Bennion	14
Jordan River Temple	13
Pioneer Heritage	11
Buena Ventura	10
Mt. Olympus	9
Salt Lake Pioneer	9
Canyon Rim	8
Cedar City	5
Hurricane Valley	5
Calif./Long Beach	4
Mt. Ogden	3
George Albert Smith	3
Tempe	2
Mormon Battalion	2
Pot/Wash	2
Murray	2
Timpanogos	1
Mt. Jordan	1
Union Fort	1
Glendora	1

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The cover is a composite of photographs taken by Leo Mower at the dedication by the Beehive Chapter of the Memorial Plaque for the black pioneers. For the full story see page 5.

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President's Message

Greetings! BEST WISHES from our National Headquarters.

May the goodwill of the true Christmas spirit linger on all year.

It would be nice to sit by the fire, and visit with you personally, about our blessings, challenges, and responsibilities.

We have a wonderful organization, a beautiful building, and a divine calling.

Thank you for your friendship, confidence, and help. I pledge my time and energy to help this great organization achieve its destiny.

My sincere appreciation to the many leaders who have served so well (from the beginning) and to all who will continue to be on the list of boosters of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

"Welcome aboard" all new leaders and their wives. Wives are very important, and their co-operation is necessary for our success and happiness.

Professional football coaches tell us that winning teams have proper: (1) State of mind, (2) Team chemistry, and (3) Leadership.

Let's take a tip from them, and be positive and determined to plan well, work together; have the faith to overcome all obstacles.

Our goals are the same; you know them. May we continue to learn of, and honor our pioneers, and perpetuate their memory. Let us follow their example. They were full of faith, and they never quit. They are committed to the cause; some died in the process. Let us get their histories, names, pictures, and testimonies in our Pioneer Library, and their names on the plaques in Heritage Hall, and on monuments, and in history books.

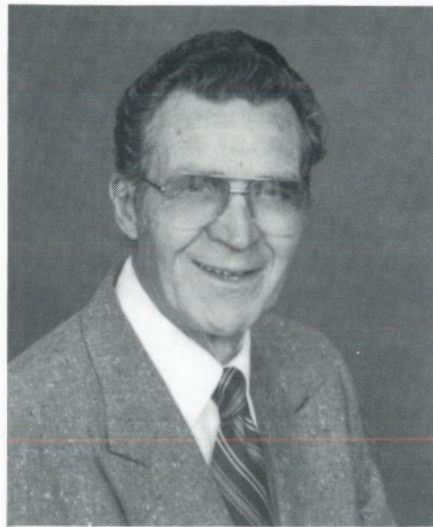
All National and Chapter officers should attend the Seminar here January 9, 1988. All members should plan to enjoy the annual Encampment at St. Johns, Arizona, August 4, 5, 6. Enjoyable!

Together, WE can excel in '88.

Everett Call, National President

PIONEER DEADLINE

**March-April Issue
FEBRUARY 1st**



Resolution Time - Resolve to Buy More Tile, Bring in more Name Memorializations, Erect More Plaques Enlarge your Chapter Membership

We have a new year before us. This is a time to start fresh and work toward some of the goals which you have perhaps had before but which, somehow, you haven't kept alive.

Our goal in the SUP for this year is to help our organization grow - GROW - G R O W ! We need each member to help us do this. Each member of the organization should make every attempt to: 1. Bring in at least one new member, 2. Memorialize one name - preferably two (husband & wife) and 3. Purchase one tile.

Each Chapter should make every effort to help their members accomplish the above plus work on erecting a plaque or monument.

Sounds like a lot? Perhaps so, but if we want our organization to grow, we can't sit idly by and wait for the other fellow to do it, cause it just won't happen. We have to do our share.

It has often been said that our organization is the best kept secret around. So many people have never heard of us and that is really sad, because we have so much to offer everyone. We have a beautiful building - which you have helped build. We have what is fast becoming a fine Pioneer research library where you can research your ancestors. It is also a place to which you can donate your books and records to and know that they will be well cared for and used by many.

Change of Address Form

As soon as you know your new address, mail this notice to the SUP office - 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.

Print or type Last name, First name, Initial

Address

We have our Pioneer Gallery where we are attempting to memorialize as many of our Pioneer ancestors as possible. We have been told that there are approximately 85,000 pioneers who entered the Valley before the railroad. It is estimated that we only have about 3500 names memorialized now. That leaves a great many still to put on our walls. When this program was first started, many people only memorialized the man's name. As we know, the pioneer women played a big part in settling the West. Their names should be on that wall too. You should check to see if your ancestors are both there or if you still need the wife's name.

Tell your friends about us. Invite them to see the building. In other words . . . LET'S MAKE THIS A BANNER YEAR. Remember we want to grow - GROW - G R O W !



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Past President & Mrs. Bates reminiscing at home in front of their fireplace.

Reminiscing with Past President Wallace Bates

While sitting in front of the fireside during the holidays, I got to thinking about the year which is now history. It was a great year and much was accomplished because of the help of you great members.

At the first of 1987, I set the goal of "Member to Member, Member to Chapter, Chapter to Chapter, and Chapter to National." I felt it was necessary that we open communication channels if we were to achieve any lasting success in our organization. We all worked hard and I believe we have a good start in this direction. There is still much that can be done but we are on our way.

We had a successful Encampment thanks to the Temple Fork Chapter. Those who attended felt well repaid for their time and efforts.

We are grateful for the work each of you have done in bringing in new members. We must continually keep in mind the fact that people won't know about our organization unless we tell them. They won't join unless they are invited. It is up to each of us to encourage our family and friends to join us and take part in the great work we are attempting to do.

Our new dues structure came as a shock to many of you, but you have really banded together to help bring it about. The complete life membership payments have been coming in

really well and also the part life membership payments are coming in well. We want to help you make this a reality so if you are having difficulty getting the payment, we would encourage you to pay \$5.00 a month until it is paid for. Believe me, we tried every way we could think of, but this was the cheapest way for the organization to obtain the needed income. Thanks so much for the support of each of you.

The Name-Memorialization program is coming along slowly. We have just ordered two new plaques - one prior to 1869 and one after 1869. They should be in place shortly after the first of the year. Included on the plaques will be the family groupings which we have told you about.

We deeply regret that the use of the building has had to be restricted to SUP use, but we are working with the Tax Commission to restore our nonprofit rating. We have recently had a tax audit by the State Tax Auditor and have also had a hearing on the matter. We hope to have good news soon.

For those of you who have been in our building and have seen how nice our new front stairwell looks with the tiled walls, I am sure you have been pleased. We encourage those of you who get up our way to come and see how nice it looks. We still have two large walls that need covering. Purchasing a tile with a member of your families' name on it makes a nice and lasting gift. It is a permanent thing and will become a memorial to whomever has their name on a tile.

The remodeling of our building was completed the first of this year and it has really added a lot to our building. The lower floor is completed and is beautiful with the dance floor and carpeting and drapes. The downstairs kitchen was also enlarged which makes it easier to use.

Several of our chapters have completed or are in the process of completing monuments or plaques to honor people or events. We encourage every chapter to get to work on getting their plaque or monument going.

Our computer is being used to advantage and is a tremendous help to the office staff.

May I take this opportunity of thanking each of you for your support last year and encourage everyone to support President Everett Call in his efforts to accomplish his programs for 1988.

God bless you all.

Wallace W. Bates

New Life Members

No.	Name	Chapter
1525	Blaine J. Wixom	PH
1526	Raymond Armstrong Ebert	BH
1527	Ralph Lords	BH
1528	Richard N. Moon	PHP
1529	Elden Meservy Watson	SD
1530	Kenneth G. Anderson	Mur
1531	Willard Brown	Mur
1532	Wayne O. Ursenbach	Mur
1533	Cliff Zimmerman	Mill
1534	Elwood D. Lambert	Mill
1535	G. Paul Doxey	PHP
1536	Weldon W. Heaton	HV
1537	Norman John	BE
1538	Lewis L. Lund	BE
1539	Kenneth Virgil Whiting	LCR
1540	William Raymond Bell	LCR
1541	Melvin F. DeSpain	LCR
1542	Thomas S. Monson	SLC
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1545	Ray L. Peterson	TQ
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Beehive Chapter Monument Dedication

At 2 p.m. on November 20, 1987, a monument honoring the "Legacy of the Black Pioneer" was dedicated. A group of over 72 people attended, and were well paid for their attendance.

The idea of honoring the Black Pioneers was first suggested by James Telford, who also contacted the Black people of his acquaintance in order to get the information needed for the plaque.

Many others in the chapter participated in bringing to fruition the dedication of the monument. Through the efforts of Ivory & Company, the concrete for the base of the monument was donated by the Ideal Cement Company. The work of preparing the area and pouring the concrete for the base was done by Glade Gerber. Jerome Tullis contacted Scott McBeth, Manager of the Maintenance and Operations of Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation, and through his efforts the Beehive Chapter received permission from the Salt Lake County Commission to place the monument in the Evergreen Park. Through Mr. McBeth, he also obtained the stone to build the monument, which he and Ross Wilhelmsen moved to the building site. Jerome also arranged for the building of the monument by Alan R. Hansen, and for the creation of the plaque by Ford-Peters-Robinson.

James Telford conducted the dedication, asking Pastor France A. Davis of the Calvary Baptist Church to offer the invocation, after which George Carey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Brother Telford gave credit to former presidents of the Beehive Chapter, who had had an interest in the monument: Clyde Reaveley, Winston Thatcher, Jerome Tullis and Robert Farr Smith. He extended a special welcome to all the descendants of the original Black pioneers who were being honored. Especially, he mentioned Mary Lucille Perkins Bankhead, a great, great granddaughter of Green Flake and Mildred Ellis, who came to represent her mother, Nancy Leggroan.

Representing Governor Norman



Bangerter, who was unable to attend, was Carla T. Woods, Assistant Director of Ethnic Student Affairs, at the University of Utah, who ended his talk with a quote by Mr. Jacobs, "As a people, we must remember that we are as weak as we allow ourselves to be painted, and we are not as strong as we can be."

Bishop Bryan J. Renstrom talked of his many wonderful associations with the descendants of the Black pioneers, and noted that Monroe Fleming was one of the first Blacks to receive the Priesthood. His inspiring Dedicatory Prayer was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

James Telford delved further into the history of the Blacks and told of his associations with the Black community.

Representatives of KSL-TV and KTVX attended upon invitation, as did officers of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, including President Wallace W. Bates, President-elect Everett H. Call, Past President D. Wayne Mallet, Lewis B. Murdock, Executive Secretary, Past President Verl Petersen, Richard Steed, Director, Morris Bennion, President-elect, Clyde Reaveley, Chairman of Gifts and Legacies, Stanley Ward, Chairman of Trails and Landmarks, James Telford, Chairman of Name Memorialization for Southern Salt Lake, Robert E. Jones, Editor of the Pioneer Magazine, Leo Mower, Historian, and Barbara Tullis,

Recording Secretary. Many Black descendants attended, as well as many members of the Beehive Chapter. We all left with a better understanding of the importance of the part played by the Blacks in this area.

Refreshments were served, thanks to Clyde Reaveley.

FLASH!

While sitting in Church on Sunday, Dec. 6th, our beloved and super active Executive Secretary, Lewis Murdock, suffered a heart attack. He went to the hospital for diagnostic tests and rest. He is now home resting and anticipates returning to activity soon.

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Selection of varieties of woods is extremely important. Neldon does not introduce stains or artificial texturing. He must seek out rare wood from around the world. He obtains Padauk Vermillion from the Andaman Islands; Pink Ivory from Africa; Rosa Peroba from Brazil, etc. He stalks rumors of wood and new sources as a trophy hunter stalks a magnificent twelve-point stag. He collects rare, endangered woods as a jeweler collects precious stones.

Neldon has been commissioned to provide his talent and unique wooden pictorials for notable individuals such as Miss America, Sharlene Wells, and former Governor Scott Matheson and his wife plus many others.

Neldon has been associated with the Sons of Utah Pioneers since 1981. He was commissioned to do a relief carving of the SUP logo which has been placed on the front of the Salt Lake headquarter's pulpit.

Also Neldon created a beautiful mural depicting the pioneers, their immigration and influence upon the west which was also presented to the



*West Desert Cowboy
Marquetry by Neldon Bullock, Lehi, Utah.*



*National Headquarters building in
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Status Report - SUP Heritage Book As of October 1987

Heritage Publishers Services is proud to announce the success of the book project, **SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS**. Your contributions have allowed us to put together a fascinating picture of pioneer life that is sure to be an heirloom for generations to come.

We have held up printing this project in order to complete a mass mailing to over 10,000 public and genealogical libraries across the nation, offering them an opportunity to acquire a copy of the **SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS Ancestor Album** for their Genealogical Departments. It is our opinion that the importance of making your families' history available to genealogical researchers and the general public far outweighs any haste to publish this book quickly.

You may expect delivery of your Ancestor Album after April, 1988. Should you find that this delivery schedule is unacceptable, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will see that you are promptly issued a full refund of your book order. However, if you wish to order more volumes at the **PREPUBLICATION PRICE**, you may do so at this time.

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1988 Annual SUP Leadership Seminar

by Morris Bennion, President-elect

A final reminder to all national and chapter officers to make their reservations for the seminar that will be held at National Headquarters in Salt Lake on January 9, 1988 beginning with the social hour at 12:30 p.m.

The seminar will give us the opportunity to meet you and to give you some instruction on what your responsibilities will be for the coming year. Also, wherever time will permit, we would like your input and questions pertaining to the National programs. Again, time will only permit us to spend an allotted amount of time for each subject so if you don't get your questions answered, please feel free to get in touch with the National office and your questions will be directed to whoever is director or chairman over that particular program for your answer, or you may be able to get your answer from the National office.

Please remind the ladies that a very outstanding program has been planned for them and how much we, as National officers, appreciate their support of the S.U.P. along the side of their husbands. The cost is \$8.50 per person or \$17.00 a couple.

We would appreciate very much your R.S.V.P. into the National Headquarters by January 4th, 1988. This will expedite and help us as we prepare better for the large number who will be attending. We are looking forward to seeing you on January 9th at our exciting National Seminar.

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SUP Rodeo Cowboy Inducted into Hall of Fame

submitted by Victorville Chapter

SUP Life Member, Earl W. Bascom, of Victorville, California, was recently honored as the first rodeo cowboy to be inducted into the new Sports Hall of Fame at Raymond, Alberta, Canada.

Earl Bascom entered his first professional rodeo at the Raymond Stampede in 1918 and became one of the top all-around cowboys in the world, winning championship titles including: Bareback and All-Around Champion, Lethbridge, Alberta, 1934; Saddle Bronc, Steer Decorating and All-Around Champion, Raymond, Alberta, 1935; All-Around Champion, Nephi, Utah, 1936; Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding and All-Around Champion, Pocatello, Idaho, 1937; Bareback, Bull Riding and All-Around Champion, Portland, Oregon, 1939; Saddle Bronc, Bareback and All-Around Champion, Raymond, Alberta, Canada, 1940.

One of Bascom's best years in rodeo was in 1933 when he won second place in the North American Championship contest at the Calgary Stampede, set a new world record time, set two new arena records, and won third place in the Championship of the World.

The Raymond Stampede is Canada's oldest rodeo first held in 1902. It is also the birthplace of rodeo's one-handed bareback rigging which was designed and made by Earl Bascom in 1924. Today it is standard equipment at all professional rodeos in the United States, Canada and Australia. Bascom retired from rodeo in 1940, after graduating from BYU with a Bachelor's Degree in Art, and has combined his cowboy experiences with his natural artistic talent. His western art and bronzes have been shown across the U.S. by satellite on the Nashville Network.

This most recent induction into the Raymond Sports Hall of Fame adds to Bascom's other inductions into the Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame and the Utah Sports Hall of Fame.

Elder Featherstone Addresses Fathers & Sons

by Larry A. Eggett

Members of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of SUP welcomed our sons, grandsons, and sons-in-law as our guests September 9 at our annual father/son luncheon in the Lion House. Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone of the First Quorum of Seventy, and also General President of the Young Men, was our speaker. In his remarks, Elder Featherstone counseled us to hold onto our dreams, no matter what happens. He also encouraged us to stand up and speak up for our rights and beliefs.

On October 14, we honored the former presidents of our chapter at our past-presidents luncheon. The former chapter presidents who attended were Elder Marion D. Hanks, 1948-49; Eldredge Grant, 1953-54; Joseph Henriod, 1955-56; Russell Harris, 1957-58; Richard Winters, 1965-66; Orson Wright, 1969-70; Byron Turner, 1970-71; Rees Jensen, 1974; Glen Lloyd, 1977; Jerry Higginson, 1980; Don Holt, 1981; Robert Simonsen, 1982; William Richardson, 1983; Ronald Knight, 1985; and David Smith, 1986. Our speaker on this occasion was former Congressman David Monson, who spoke to us about the United States Constitution, and the duties we have as citizens.

Our annual election banquet was held on November 4 at the National Headquarters of SUP. Chapter officers for 1988 will be Dave Martin, President; Ralph Ryan, President-elect; Bob Gunderson and Budge Christensen, Vice Presidents; Frank Taylor, Secretary; and Ken Bement, Treasurer. Mark Nichols, National SUP Music Chairman, was our speaker, and he also led us in some community singing.

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Encampment - St. Johns, Arizona August 4, 5, 6, 1988

The Little Colorado River Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, located in St. Johns, Arizona is proceeding well with their plans to host the 1988 Encampment.

The date of the Encampment is set for August 4, 5 and 6. Following are some of the preparations that have been completed at this time:

Lodging

The High School facility, which is one of the best and most complete in this part of Arizona, has been secured and the total parking lot in front of the gymnasium is available as a parking site for RV's or travel trailers and the restroom and showers in the gym will be open and available.

All available motel rooms in St. Johns have been reserved.

Many homes have opened their doors as a bed and breakfast type of facility.

Lodging is available so make plans today to attend. We always have room for one more.

Food

All meals are included in the registration fee for the Encampment and most will be served at the High School Cafeteria. Special meals planned as part of the Encampment activities will be served at the appropriate location.

Tours, Entertainment, Etc.

Final plans for the entertainment tours and overall activities have not been finalized, but you can be assured that they will be awesome.

Weather

The weather at this time of year is excellent. The humidity is low so the days are great and the nights are mild.

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Ancestral Biographical Sketches - Your Responsibility to Ancestors

by Leo L. Mower, *Nat. Historian*

Several years ago I was invited by a very good friend to become a member of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers to include becoming a member in one of the chapters. After a brief investigation as to the nature of the organization, I became a life member in the National Society and joined the ranks of the chapter that had tendered the invitation. I soon found out that I was a member of a great organization that believed in and carried on a multitude of activities concerned with people - past, present, and future. My wife and I were involved with family histories so the first of these was very much to my liking. There was definitely no doubt concerning the next two. All of us, I am sure, are very much concerned with the present and certainly with the future.

An enjoyable time went on until election time came around. Then, almost before I knew just what had happened I found myself elected as a board member. Very likely, most of you have had the same experience. For many of you it may have happened to you more than once.

I was then informed by one of the veterans of the chapter that along with the title and perhaps the honor of this position came the responsibility of hosting one of the meetings during the year. The month of my "responsibility" soon arrived and at this time it was brought vividly to my attention that one of the required parts on the program was a biographical sketch to be appropriately researched, written up, and presented to the chapter. I was then to make very sure that it properly ended up in the possession of the National Librarian. The librarian as that time being Jean Partridge.

Jean, when I questioned her about this procedure, was very nice about explaining to me the many

purposes of the biographical sketch. She, first of all, explained that it was a means of encouraging me to do proper research concerning one of my favorite ancestors or to assist my wife in doing the research for one of hers. Next would come the "opportunity" of presenting the results of this endeavor to my fellow members of the chapter. They would then get to know me better and perhaps some of them would even be able to use the information with regards to their own family history program. Last, but certainly not least, would come the privilege of having this part of my family history available in the library. It would here take its place among the records of all the other ancestors of all the other members who have or will carry out this one very essential part of the program held each month in the many chapters of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It would not, with so many people participating, take very long to establish in our National Library a very sizeable source of information on pioneer ancestors that certainly could be put to very good use in all areas of geneology work.

I now find myself in a situation where it is necessary that I ask all members of the Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers to assist with the gathering of information and the writing of the somewhat short biographical sketches of those in our families who came before us. When your opportunity comes to put on a chapter program, or if it already has and you may have neglected to follow up on the biographical sketch part of it, would you be so kind as to research, then write and present the sketch. The presentation should take some five to ten minutes, but usually not more. It should be carefully handwritten or typed and then turned into the appropriate person. This may be your chapter president, the secretary, or an individual designated to work with the history of your chapter. If it is more convenient to do so, mail or deliver it to the National Headquarters building in "care of the library." It will then be properly filed for future use by Francis Partridge, the present National Librarian and a very enthusiastic and proficient individual.

Please feel free to visit the library and become acquainted with what is there.

There are many of you who may have neglected to follow up on the biographical sketch over the many years in the past when you had the responsibility for a program or perhaps even programs. It is never too late to catch up on this. To others of you, please help the Sons of Utah Pioneers to develop a larger and more appropriate collection of biographical sketches. There are criteria for the writing of these biographical sketches of our ancestors other than just the program criteria. The opportunity and desire to share family information with others is probably even better reason. Remember that your family, for the purpose under consideration, begins with you and your spouse and then works backwards into the past.

To better facilitate proper filing, along with easy access by library patrons, proper identification of each biographical sketch submitted is very essential. Would the author place at the end of the sketch complete name, address, and phone number along with a brief explanation of your relationship to the ancestor being written about. This information could be very useful to the individual doing the family research.

From each and every one of the new 1988 chapter presidents I should like to solicit your support, the assistance of your board, and that of the entire chapter in carrying out the procedures outlined above. This is something that has or should have been happening from the beginning. Please help us with the maintaining and improvement of the biographical sketch program.

I have recently been requested by the National President to be an assistant to Francis Partridge in some of the areas related to the historical aspects of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers. This is one of the several areas in which I should very much like to spend time and effort. It would certainly be an accomplishment for all of us if, by working together, we could develop a more complete collection of biographical sketches of our pioneer ancestors.

Thanks very much.

New Books and Some That Are Needed

SUP Pioneer Library

Interesting historical materials have been received from the following persons since our last report:

Mormon Battalion

Lester W. Flake
Temple Fork Chapter
H. Delmar Layton
Elizabeth Mary Toone Black
Francis M. Partridge
Eugene P. Watkins
Robert E. Jones
Orrin P. Miller
Scott L. Williams
J. Smith Decker
Elwood I. Barker
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The following books and reference aids have been donated and are available in your library:

Homeward To Zion (The Mormon migration from Scandinavia) by Wm. Mulder
The Historical Guide to Utah Ghost Towns by Stephen L. Carr

Historical Atlas of Arizona by Henry P. Walker and Don Bufkin
Providence And Her People -History of Providence, Utah.
Holladay-Cottonwood, Places and Faces by Stephen L. Carr
A Union, Utah History by Steven K. Madsen
Elsinore, Utah - Memories of Little Denmark
Mining, Smelting And Railroadng In Tooele County

We are most grateful to those who donated the above books. Other books that are needed are listed below. The estimated cost of each book is indicated. If you have a copy of these books in your own collection for donation we will issue a deductible receipt, or if you wish to give us the money to buy the book, we will place it in the LIBRARY for you.

Needed Books

History of Utah by Hubert Howe Bancroft, 805 pp. \$25.
Dixie Under The Sun - History of Washington County—DUP \$25.
History of Utah, Vol. I-IV by Geo Q. Cannon and Sons \$600.
Handcarts To Zion 1856-1860 by LeRoy R. & Ann W. Hafen \$12.

Utah History Atlas by David E. Miller \$7.
History of Utah by J. Cecil Alter, 3 vols. \$150.
History of Iron County Mission by Mrs. Luella A. Dalton \$15.
Atlas of Utah by Wayne L. Wahlquist, 300 pp. \$50.

Any other books of historical and genealogical value. Your help in this collection will be sincerely appreciated.

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Howard Gray, Past President of Holladay Chapter, presents immediate Past President Frank Brown with a plaque.

Holladay Chapter Awards and Change of Officers

On Friday evening, December 11, 1987 the Holladay Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers held its last dinner meeting of the year. The Christmas Spirit was present, the room decorations were extremely appropriate, the attendance was great, and the entire program for the evening was very outstanding. The hosts for the evening were Harold M. Gray, Jr. and his charming wife, Claudine.

Frank A. Brown, Chapter President thanked the membership for their many combined endeavors during the past and previous years, all of which have gone towards the making of a still greater and more congenial organization. "There have," he said, "been many recognized achievements during the past years made possible only by a unified and growing organization with a very superior overall positive attitude."

He reported that a large delegation of members and wives had attended the splendidly organized National Convention hosted by the Logan Chapter and held at the Utah State University during the past summer. An enjoyable and informative time was had by all of them. Because of the combined efforts of the entire chapter over many previous years, they took with them sufficient points for the Chapter to be the recipient of several of the most prized awards given out during the Annual Awards Ceremony.

As a part of the business part of the meeting, Howard M. Gray, Jr.,



Past President outlined some of the accomplishments of the Chapter during the past year under the leadership of Frank A. Brown, Chapter President. His remarks were very complimentary of the chapter membership and of the leadership. He then presented Frank with a Past President's Plaque.

The November meeting election results were announced and very appropriate introductions of the winners were made. Holladay Chapter Officers and Directors for the 1988 year are as follows: Hollis D. Smith, President; Reed L. Walker, President-elect; Frank A. Brown, Past President; Clive B. Jolley, 1st Vice President; Paul C. Lyon, 2nd Vice President; Homer Q. Stringham, 3rd Vice President; Robert J. Sidwell, 4th Vice President; Waldemar R. Nelson, 5th Vice President; Leo L. Mower, Treasurer; Leland J. Davis, Secretary; Rowland Corry, Director; and Vernon J. Taylor, Director.

Present at the meeting were Wallace W. Bates, National SUP President, and his wife and First Lady of our organization, Elda. "Wally," as he is commonly called, was in attendance as National President, as a member of the Holladay Chapter and as our guest speaker. He spoke concerning the many past accomplishments of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, of some of the present problems and achievements, and on the future and stated that we have the potential of ranking our organization alongside the very best and most influential groups in the

nation.

The concluding part of the evening was very enjoyable and in tune with the season of the year. The Olympus High School Vocal Ensemble entertained us royally with their beautiful Christmas music and with all the extras that they could possibly add. They put on a great performance that rated a standing ovation at its conclusion.

Immediately following the meeting, pictures were taken of the board members for this and the coming year who were present at the dinner. Several were not able to be in attendance for various reasons. The result is shown in above photo.

Following a short time taken up with the taking of pictures and with well-wishing for the Christmas Season, everyone began making their way through the falling snow to the parked automobiles, each of the members had his partner on one arm and her beautiful poinsettia in full bloom on the other. It was the end of a very enjoyable evening and of a very productive year for the Holladay Chapter.

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Pres. Delmar Layton and wife, Earlene, Mesa Chapter.

A Trek to Old Mexico May Bring a New Chapter

Because of the far-sighted ideas and the desire to build the S.U.P. to greater heights, the Mesa Arizona Chapter recently took a tour to Old Mexico which, they hope, will mean a broadening of the membership of our great organization.

Through the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Mesa Chapter and the enthusiastic support of Paul Updike, Vice President at Large in Arizona, it was suggested that the Mesa Chapter sponsor a trip to the Colonies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Dublan and Jurex, Mexico. The date was set for October 15, 16 and 17, 1987. Many of the members of this chapter had worked with the faithful saints who were born there, or whose kinfolk had lived there. Many reported the great spiritual experiences they had enjoyed there. It was decided that the Salt River Chapter wanted to go and help organize an SUP Chapter.

Accordingly, ten touring cars and three vans were ready to start the trip by 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 15. Fifty-six people started on their way to rendezvous in Nogales, Arizona at the public park where there is a Mormon Battalion monument. Instructions on crossing the border were given and they were instructed to meet at Colonia Dublan. The road was scenic, mountainous, and in some places,



Mesa Chapter complete their trek to Colonia Dublan with a dinner.

rough. The accommodations at the Hacienda Motel were excellent.

Thursday evening, October 15th, the Dublan Ward members with Bishop Carl Call, as leader, served us a well-organized barbeque with all the trimmings and delicious salads. The drink was nectar for the Gods, fresh, cold apple juice.

The next day, Brother Merriner Jones and Ashton Ashurst were guides on the two buses which were provided to take us on tours of the communities. There were three outstanding industries shown to us. First was the extensive storage and marketing operation for peaches, pears, and especially apples. Pears and apples can be stored for short periods only before marketing, but first quality apples can be stored for ten or more months, under controlled atmosphere and 32 degrees Fahrenheit, without losing taste or nutritive value. With seven mammoth storage facilities containing 6 storage bins each, where conditions are controlled by modern computer techniques, this year's crop can be stored until next year's harvest is ready. Before marketing the apples are sorted, washed, waxed and packed in special cartons.

We were then shown the fields where the fruit and other crops were grown, mainly corn and hygeria, for silage and feed. They have large fields all of which are irrigated, because the average rainfall is about 8 inches a year. We were also shown one of the streets where the Mormon Colonists live in modern brick homes. Because of the industry of the Mormon farmers, and quality of



J. Smith Decker stopped at the Battalion Monument in Douglas, Arizona.



Juarez Academia, a great influence in Colonia Dublan.



Paul Updike, Area Vice President At Large & wife, Ireta.

produce grown, plus the high standards of the youth, in general the Colonists are financially secure.

The Juarez Academy is a third very stabilizing influence in the communities. Most of the students come from these secure Latter-day Saint homes. Supporting the parents, the Church leaders and teachers give spiritual guidance. The Academy gives opportunity for full academic training, where all graduates must be completely bilingual. The school standards are such that graduates are fully qualified for further education or can enter the technically trained work force. Seventh through twelfth grade courses are taught. A modern gymnasium and a 1000 seat auditorium gives opportunity for physical as well as cultural experiences.

Again the Dublan Ward members and others prepared an excellent Spanish dinner for us and Colony members who helped with the program or were interested in the Sons of Utah Pioneers. A program of guitar and vocal music, plus practically professional Spanish dancers were presented for our entertainment.

Eight people on the trek were born in the Colonies. The families of seven of them were driven out of Mexico at the time of the Exodus in 1912.

It is hoped that out of this trek will come a chapter. There were many interested in our programs. Perhaps this will help us to become a worldwide organization of men interested in our early day heritage.

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Eight of the people on the trek were born in the Colonies. They are shown from left to right: Pauline Tomender, E. Keith Macdonald, Ada Macdonald, LaPrele Cherry, Thelma Huber, Ruth Crandall and Lynn Helquist. The families of seven of them were driven out of Mexico at the time of the Exodus in 1912.



Vern Freeman's van carried 7 people: Left to right: Lynn and Mabel Helquist, Elda and Vern Freeman, Mary L. Decker, Ruth Crandall and J. Smith Decker.

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Nefi' and Delfina Lara Ontiveros

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During their recent trek to Colonia Dublan and Juarez, Mexico, members of the Mesa Chapter met a fascinating couple, with classic features, deep brown eyes, and expressions that come only from righteous living and strong heritage. To study their countenances makes one feel like he is gazing upon a masterpiece of a painting. Their faces should be chiseled in stone to preserve them for generations.

The story of Nefi' and Delfina Lara Ontiveros has been supplied to us by J. Smith Decker, historian of the Mesa Chapter: "Both of their parents were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints before they were born, and they have been stalwart members all of their lives. Nephi's mother who lives with them at present is 104 years old. They were both born in the early months of 1908, and were blessed with eight children, four boys and four girls."

"All of their children have been faithful as well as leaders in the organizations of the Church in Mexico as shown by their services as listed: Six of their children have filled full-time missions; Brother and Sister Ontiveros have served in the mission field as a couple in Northern Mexico; Son Lomoni is a Stake

Patriarch; Son Limhi has charge of the Church finances in his area; Sons Oscar and Eder are both Stake Presidents at present; Daughter Sylvia is Relief Society Stake President; Daughter Mavi helps in the Name Extraction Program; Sally is organist in her ward; and Roxena is a school teacher."

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Mesa Chapter Finds Mexican Treasure

During their recent trek to the Mormon colony at Colonia Dublan in Mexico, members of the Mesa Chapter found some real treasures, but not of the monetary kind.

What they did find were some very interesting locations and fascinating sites. These are detailed in a separate article in this issue. They also found some excellent prospects for founding a new Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Nearly all of the residents of Colonia Dublan are descendants of Utah pioneers. They have a great heritage, inherited from some staunch Mormons who founded the colony back in the 19th century.

The colony is now a thriving community of good Mexican citizens, who are bilingual and are a credit to themselves and to their adopted land. They are of the sturdy stuff that make good SUP members.

So some of the alert Mesa members who were on this trek started to talk to the Colonia Dublan citizens about forming a Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The idea was readily acceptable.

A prospective leader in the person of Merriner Jones was contacted. He may make an ideal first Chapter President. He is shown in the accompanying photo, with his wife, Winifred.

These are treasures, that's for sure. Think of the possibilities. Not only do we advance the objectives of our organization; but we can have a location, outside of the United States, where any and all of our US Chapters can go for an interesting trek.

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Included in the model will be homes, businesses, factories, fences, gardens, ditches, roads, paths, sheds, barns, trees, land forms and other features of the city from 300 North to 500 South and from 500 West to 300 East (current addresses), representing a little more than 1.5 square miles.

Museum personnel are currently researching photographs, drawings, descriptions and other historical sources to make this 1:600 scale model appear as accurate as possible.

These researchers would be interested in additional sources, particularly photographs that may not have come to their attention. If you are aware of such sources please call Randy Dixon at the Church Archives (531-2277).

Hurricane Chapter Takes Trek to Hole-in-the-Rock

by Owen Sanders, Reporter

Homespun Engineers

They dug the dusty dug-ways
These homespun engineers;
To trudge the trails they chiseled
Chilled feeble hearts with fears!

--Owen Sanders--

The nearly unbelievable HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK historic scene, vividly depicted by artist Jean M. Partridge, was reproduced on the cover of the November-December 1987 Pioneer Magazine. This authentic scene was brought to heart-tingling, breath-taking, flabbergasting life by Hurricane Valley

Chapter President Verdell Hinton at the Hole-in-the-Rock.

The pilot of the 57 ft. "Lady Grace" had cautiously nudged the prow of the vessel against the boulder strewn gully on the shore of Lake Powell where the Hole-in-the-Rock plunges several hundred feet more below the surface of the water. The assistant pilot leaped off the prow and inserted an anchor into the gravel to hold the boat to the shore then quickly tied a rope from the side to a huge boulder to keep the boat from drifting.

As the craft gently rocked on the ripples, we could look upward out of the windows and see the Hole-in-the-Rock rising sharply upward to a narrow slit in the 2000 ft. canyon wall through which 250 intrepid San Juan Pioneers skillfully maneuvered 83 covered wagons; each with two or three teams of horses plus 200 additional horses and 1000 head of cattle.

President Hinton painted a graphic word picture of the trek as we sat on comfortable, cushioned seats, mentally visualizing a crew of men working six weeks at this one location, picking, chiseling, drilling, blasting, digging the hazardous "Hole-in-the-Rock" section of the trail; then, having their sagging, frazzled spirits bolstered by dancing and singing on the sandrock under the desert moon, while a chorus of coyotes howled a mournful accompaniment.

The first wagons left Cedar City October 22, 1879 bound for a rendezvous at Escalante, on a 290 mi. trip scheduled to last six weeks, but actually lasting six heart-breaking, spirit-testing months. The first wagons arrived at Bluff, Utah April 5, 1880. Three babies were born on the trip. No lives were lost.

The Hurricane Chapter's exciting excursion to "Hole-in-the-Rock" was carefully planned by President Hinton, several months in advance. He chartered the "Lady Grace" and guaranteed 60 passengers to secure a special off-season rate. Tickets were sold weeks in advance. He secured special rates on the campground at Wahweap and we were granted permission to hold our fireside Friday evening at the Carl Hayden Visitor's Center at Glen Canyon Dam.

The opening prayer that evening

by Woodrow Jepson was followed by an illustrated lecture by Laurie Heupel, Park Ranger, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. This lecture showed Glen Canyon before the dam, and after Lake Powell was formed upon completion of the dam.

President-elect Robert Langston sang "Edelweiss" in honor of his beautiful wife, Mary, who is a descendant of Swiss colonizers of Santa Clara, Utah.

Chapter member Larry LeBaron and his lovely wife, Bonnie, sang several beautiful duets, including "Love is my song" from the show Promised Valley.

Closing prayer was given by Weldon Heaton, Chaplin.

At 8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 1987 we went aboard the "Lady Grace" and swooped up the lake toward "Hole-in-the-Rock" and "Rainbow Bridge", passing scores of mind boggling scenes of spectacular beauty. Lake Powell is 186 miles long with a 1,960 mile shoreline. Ninety-five percent of the lake is in Utah and five percent in Arizona.

In August 1909 Dr. Byron Cummings of the University of Utah was the first white man to see Rainbow Bridge. Now, thousands of tourists annually are able to visit this natural wonder.

Our pilot kept up a running historic and scenic commentary on points of interest we passed by, and also areas we passed over that are now submerged. At Warm Creek in the late 1880's and early 1900's, Charles Spencer built rock houses for his men and stone corrals for his oxen then constructed a paddle-wheel steamboat to haul coal from Warm Creek down the Colorado River to Lee's Ferry for use in the steam engines he used in his gold mining operation. The project was abandoned and wreckage of the boat is at Lee's Ferry. Many pairs of oxen shoes were found near the rock corrals at Warm Creek before Lake Powell inundated the area.

At Rainbow Bridge, we strolled along a pontoon pathway for a portion of the distance. We passed a chemical latrine on pontoons and were repelled from its usage by an environmentally offensive change in the atmosphere!

Our pilot swerved the "Lady Grace" into a beautiful cove then suddenly veered and entered a narrow opening in the towering canyon wall. He carefully steered the vessel up the channel until the walls could be nearly touched. To get back out of the channel, he reversed the engine and backed out.

We will always vividly recall anchoring at the "Hole-in-the-Rock" and listening eagerly to the spellbinding story, recounted over the P.A. System, by President Hinton, about the intrepid pioneers who gathered at Escalante, Utah from Cedar City, Parowan, New Harmony and other communities in Southern Utah and made the hazardous, faith testing

journey to Bluff, Utah over a century ago!

After the thrilling story, Larry and Bonnie LeBaron, Robert Langston, Arbon Hall, Dwayne Sullivan and other agile members leaped ashore and began zig-zagging through the jumble of boulders upward toward the top of the cliff until they became scrambling specks near the entrance to historic "HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK!"

Reporter Sanders writes: I am 78 years of age and several members are older than I. We did not leap ashore at The-Hole-In-The-Rock and scamper around among the boulders but were not hobbled in our imagination.

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Mormon Battalion Vignettes - Thomas Woolsey, An Original Traveling Elder

by Carl V. Larson

Thomas Woolsey, PVT Co. E, was one of the most traveled members of the Mormon Battalion.

PVT Woolsey's Battalion travels began on July 21, 1846 at Council Bluffs, Iowa Territory. He traveled with the main body of the Battalion until September 17, 1846. On that date, the families of the Battalion members were sent to Pueblo, Colorado to spend the winter. Thomas went with them as an escort. CPT Nelson Higgins, Company D, was in charge of the family detachment.

As soon as the families were settled at Pueblo, Thomas Woolsey and Captain Higgins hurried to Santa Fe to rejoin the Battalion. Upon their arrival at Santa Fe they found the Battalion had already departed for California. CPT Higgins returned to Pueblo to be with his family. Thomas made his way down the Rio Grande and rejoined the Battalion on November 4, 1846.

On November 10, 1846 LCL Phillip St. George Cooke sent a group of sick and infirm Battalion members to Pueblo to recover and to spend the winter. Thomas Woolsey was part of that group. It is not known if he was sick or if he went as the pilot for the detachment as he knew the way. The detachment, under the direction of LT William W. Willis, arrived in Pueblo on Sunday, December 20, 1846.

Thursday, December 24, 1846, Thomas Woolsey and John H. Tip-pets left Pueblo for Council Bluffs. They were carrying mail and dispatches from the Battalion to Council Bluffs. The two couriers arrived in Council Bluffs on February 15, 1847, having crossed the great plains in the dead of winter.

Next we hear of Thomas Woolsey on April 5, 1847. He was a member of Brigham Young's advance pioneer company. When the pioneers reached Fort Laramie, Elder Amasa Lyman was sent to Pueblo with instructions for the Battalion boys there.

Elder Lyman was accompanied by Thomas Woolsey, John H. Tip-

pets and Roswell Stephens, also wandering Battalion members. However, much to their joy and surprise they met the Pueblo detachment a few miles south of the present site of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Thomas and his reunited Battalion brethren journeyed on to Fort Laramie hoping to be able to join with Brigham Young and the advance pioneers. But to their dismay they found themselves to be 10 or 12 days behind. They followed Brigham Young all the way across Wyoming and entered the Salt Lake Valley on July 29, 1847.

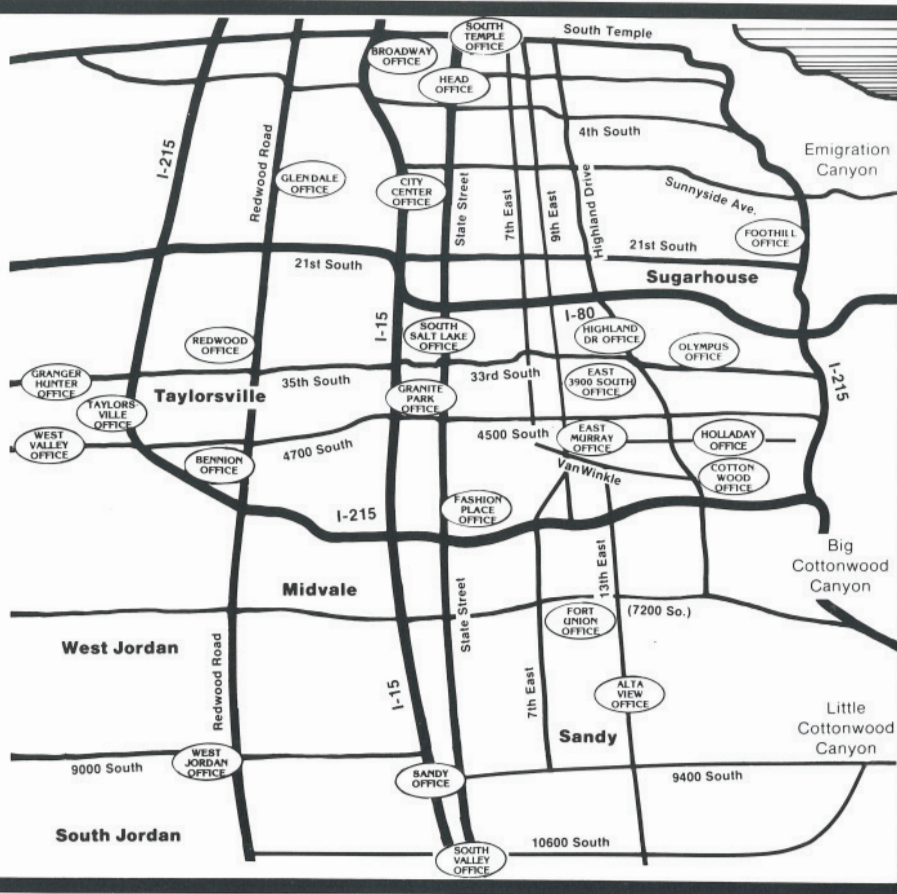
Thomas Woolsey did not make the longest trek of any of the Battalion members. He did spend more of his year's enlistment traveling than any other Battalion member, a total of 10 months of his 12-month enlistment.

His travels included: a round trip from Council Bluffs to Pueblo, 1200 miles; a round trip of 1000 miles from Pueblo to southern New Mexico; the 1000 mile trek from Council Bluffs to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake; and a 200 mile detour with Amasa Lyman into Colorado for a total of over 3400 miles.

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Holladay Chapter members load bus for Ogden trip.

Meet Me at the Station Holladay Chapter Takes Trek to Ogden

Text and photos by Leo Mower

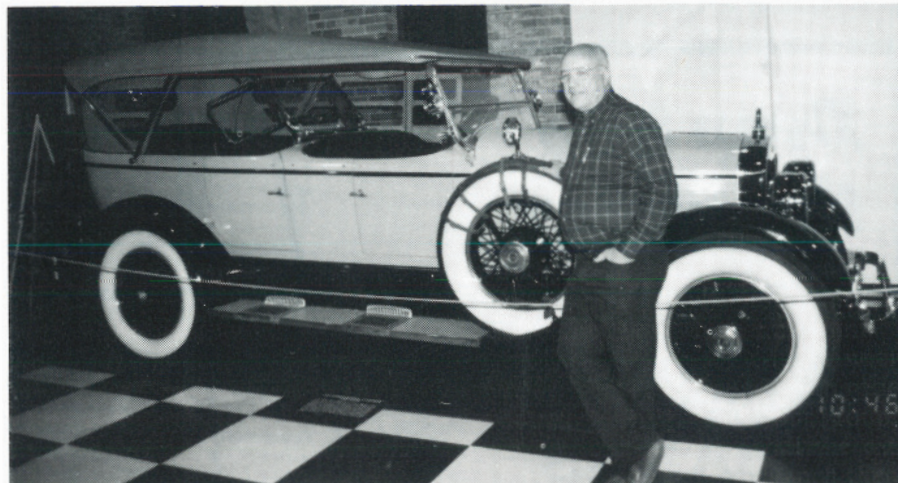
On the morning of November 14, 1987, forty-three members of the Holladay Chapter boarded a chartered bus at the National Headquarters building. Our destination was the Union Station in Ogden, Utah. The weather was brisk but the bus was warm and the scenery and company were great. Stories were told and songs were sung as we traveled the relatively short distance to our destination. Upon our arrival we were appropriately welcomed, divided into several small groups, and then started on a series of very special guided tours. This was the beginning of a very delightful morning.

At noon we met together in the lunch room, reserved exclusively for our group, for a chicken dinner with all the extras. After this enjoyable lunch there was still time remaining for additional exploration within the station in areas of our own individual interests.

The Union Station is a wonderful place to go together as a chapter for an enjoyable and informative time. If your chapter has not as yet taken advantage of what is on display within the confines of the "Station" you have indeed missed a grand array of attractions which are both many and varied.

The Browning Kimball Car Museum displays a very unique and elegant collection of classic

American cars in a brilliant 1930's setting. The shine of polished chrome and paint takes you back to a more elegant time when automobiles were truly works of art. All cars are in running condition and are sometimes used in parades and for other occasions. Frank Brown, Chapter President, became attracted to a beautiful yellow roadster. He was very disappointed when he discovered that he definitely could not take it home with him.



Frank Brown, President of the Holladay Chapter, stands by his choice of a vintage model roadster.

The accomplishments of Ogden natives John M. and Matthew S. Browning, master gunsmiths, are displayed in the Browning Firearms Museum. If you like firearms, this is a place where you can spend hours inspecting firearms almost without limit as to number and kind.

The important part that Ogden played as the hub of the nation's first transcontinental railroad is featured in the Wattis-Dumke Railroad Museum. A dozen model

trains running on eight different layouts depict the construction feats as well as the geography of the 1,776 mile transcontinental route.

As a lady guide led us through the wonderful exhibit of steam locomotives, she related how difficult it was for the engines to pull a long train of cars up the steep grades of the Rocky Mountain passes. She then paused for a few moments before asking: "Do you know why the big locomotive couldn't sit down and rest once it had pulled up the steep grade?"

She then answered her own enquiry: "It was because it had a 'tender' behind."

While in the area of the railroad exhibit, you should not miss the films of the Union Pacific's "Big Boy" and "8844." They really bring back the days of the large steam locomotives.

As well as being the discovery center of historic Ogden, Union Station offers changing art exhibits in the Myra Powell Gallery with invitational and competitive shows being held annually along with exhibitions by individual artists.

The very popular Gem and Mineral Exhibit is completely beyond a verbal description. This is where only by seeing can there be believing. There is no other way in which to describe this extensive exhibit.

The happy but slightly weary travelers were back in their warm homes by prior to 4:00 p.m. They brought back with them many fond memories of the very enjoyable experiences of the day.

Idaho Falls Chapter Makes Interesting Trek

by Harold S. Forbush

Successful chapter meetings of the SUP, in my opinion, depend upon many factors, to include a well-planned program in which knowledge is shared and entertainment presented in an environment of wholesome companionship. I wish to share with the readers of our bi-monthly magazine, four special activities in which members of the Eagle Rock Chapter participated these past few months. I am grateful to our executive committee who planned and executed these events.

On the 5th day of June, 1987 we carpooled at Idaho Falls and journeyed to the Hess Heritage Museum - about sixty miles distant - located near Ashton, Idaho. Daniel and Mary Hess, owners and promoters of this family project, hosted our group. Dan Hess is a descendant from John Hess and his wife, Mary,

claims Thomas Bullock as a progenitor - both noted in church history. This fine couple have been on the faculty at Ricks College at Rexburg, Idaho, but for the past several years have given much energy to the establishment of this museum on the Hess family ranch.

We enjoyed being shown the artifacts of the ranch home occupied from about 1900. The kitchen displays fascinating items of the period and the bedroom-living room are furnished with exotic keepsakes and furnishings brought from England by emigrating progenitors. The abundant collection of horse-drawn farming-ranching equipment is housed in restored barns and sheds on the premises.

This motivating couple allowed us to enjoy our refreshments in their kitchen, while we listened to records from an early victrola of Thomas Edison.

The Pierre's Playhouse

A delicious chicken dinner with many side dishes served in an outdoor setting, then prefaced an evening of fun at Pierre's Playhouse at Victor, Idaho. The melodrama cast

kept us laughing as we interacted with other guests who had come for a fun evening on the 24th of July.

Freeman Park

This fine recreational area of the City of Idaho Falls provided the site on the 5th of August for a successful picnic for our Chapter members. Our meal focused upon fried chicken and hashbrowns prepared in dutch ovens. The program included a recitation of "The Cremation of Sam McGee" and live accordian music to which the group was invited to sing along. We were pleased to have as our special guest Karlo Mustonen, one of the national SUP vice-presidents.

Planetarium - Observatory

Ricks College at Rexburg, Idaho, is fortunate in having both a planetarium and an observatory: the former housed in the Romney Science Building, and latter located four miles west of the campus. On the 25th of September our members carpooled again and drove thirty miles to enjoy an evening of unusual experience, an hour-long program

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on astronomy which was most informative. Our host made available a room in which to enjoy some refreshments while we waited 'deeper darkness' to settle in for using the telescope at the observatory.

As my year as president comes to a close, excepting a meeting for elections next year, I express appreciation to our small chapter, and more especially to my colleagues with whom I served in 1987.

(Footnote: Harold Forbush, current president, dictated the above data for the magazine from his hospital bed - there because of an auto accident in which he, as a blind pedestrian, was injured on the 27th of September).

Grandfather's Tales of Johnston's Army and Others

by Ray L. Alston, SUP Life Member

The story of Lot Smith, by D. P. Bartschi, in "The Pioneer," is most interesting, especially, since my grandfather, LeRoy Holt (1838-1910) was one of the group under Lot Smith in Echo Canyon to help impede Johnston's Army through Echo Canyon and into Salt Lake City.

As a youngster visiting grandfather, LeRoy Holt, at his farm home in Hoytsville, I would sit on the floor at his feet and listen to his experiences. He would, often, sing or recite verses about Johnston's Army. The following verses still ring clearly in my memory; the ones in quotation marks are now recorded in the book PORTER ROCKWELL, by Richard Lloyd Dewey, pp 229-230: *A member of Johnston's Army speaks:*

*When Uncle Sam did first send out
said he "Those Mormons we will route,
They shall no longer annoy us."*

*As we were going up the Platte
singing many a lusty ditty,
Like "We'll do this, and we'll do that
when we get to Salt Lake City."*

*"And sure enough, when they got there,
they made the Mormons stir, sir.
That is, I mean, they would have done,
but oh, they didn't get there."*

*They thought they could,
but said they wouldn't.
Oh, don't you know the reason.*

*"Then they returned with awful tales,
saying 'the Mormons beat the Devil.'
They ride up hill and over rocks
as fast as on the level.*

*And if perchance you shoot one down
and surely think he's dead, sir,
The first you know he's on his horse,
and pushing on ahead, sir."*

*Then on Hanson's Fork they camped while,
saying, "we'll wait a little longer,
'till General Johnston and his crew come up,
and make us a little stronger."*

*"Then we'll go on, take Brigham Young,
and Rockwell Porter, his companion."
That is, I mean they would have done,
but were afraid of Echo Canyon.*

*Now Uncle Sam, take my advice:
You'd better stay at home, sir!
You need your money and your men,
to defend your rights at home, sir!*

*But if, perchance, you need some help,
the Mormons will be kind, sir.
They've helped you once, and will again,
that is, if you've a mind, sir.*

*Turooly ooly ooly oo, Turooly ooly I doe,
Turooly ooly ooly oo, Turooly ooly I doe.*

As we know, Johnston's Army reached Ft. Bridger, November, 1857, then went down Echo Canyon in 1858, skirting Salt Lake City. Mr. Cummings, who was a presidential appointee, came with Johnston's Army and was left in Salt Lake to replace Brigham Young as Territorial Governor. The Army then traveled south along the west of the Jordan River to Cedar Valley and on to establish Camp Floyd.

It is coincidental that my father, Thomas Alston, was born in 1857 (died in 1942) and my mother, Mary Ellen Holt, was born in 1858 (died in 1953).

A fort was built around the Hoyt mansion, in Hoytsville, for refuge in case of Indian attack. One such scare took place in 1866, and the Holt family took refuge there. Grandmother Holt gave birth to her third child while in the fort and both she and the child died. Later, grandfather married grandmother Ellen's sister, Parthenia Lowe. Mother's only brother was injured severely at school and died of a ruptured kidney. Mother, Mary Ellen Holt was the only one left to help her stepmother and father with the chores and crops.

One day grandfather came home along the Weber River which was a short distance east of the Holt farm. He had the sad report that the fish were all floating dead down the river. It was soon discovered that the cause of the dead fish was tail-

ings from the Park City mine draining down Silver Creek Canyon and into the Weber River. The drainage was stopped, diverted elsewhere and the Weber was again a source of trout.

While harvesting grain, one fall, grandfather saw a big black bear coming from the bank of the Weber River. He wondered what to do since the bear was coming towards him. He decided to just continue swinging his scythe and cradle to cut the grain and place it in piles. The bear meandered past him and continued up to the hills west of grandfather, much to his relief! Many years later, just 8 years ago, I was hunting rabbits on the same hills of my grandfather's farm with my grandson, Steven Killpack. Suddenly, we saw a big black bear on the opposite ridge. It stood on its hind legs, then ambled on all fours along the ridge and disappeared into a revine.

My grandfather LeRoy Holt was a Veteran of the Utah Indian War. His participation medal, which was presented by the state of Utah, is in our possession. The scythe and cradle used by grandfather to hand harvest his crops, along with my mother's spinning wheel have been donated to the DUP Museum in Salt Lake City for their preservation.

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The traditional Thanksgiving dinner was held November 12th at Heritage Hall. Following a planned and assigned dinner, the members enjoyed a lovely program, which featured Aaron Cannon, a 7 year-old boy who had been blind from birth. Introduced by his grandfather, Fred Johnson, he sang several delightful songs. Aaron's mother then told us of the difficulties he has had to overcome and how he has progressed to the point of reading Braille, riding a bicycle, participating in Cub Scouts, and learning to play the piano.

The December meeting featured a dinner catered by Beatrice Hansen. After dinner, Lorna Monson, teacher of the year in the Salt Lake District, presented a lovely program of Christmas poems, songs, and music.

Golden and Carol Buchmiller were hosts for the evening, assisted by all the board members. Officers and their wives decorated the tables.

Golden presented a gift to the officers who have served with him. He showed the Temple Quarry flag which was created by Dorothy Smith and her husband.

New officers for the coming year are: Golden Buchmiller, Past President; Glen Greenwood, President; Lawrence "Bud" Etherington, President-elect; Fred Johnson, Vice President; Reed Newbold, Secretary; Reed Anderson, Treasurer; Leo Bigler, Historian; Lawrence Stewart, Awards Chairman; Gene Newbold and Clyde Beckstead, Trekmasters; Charles Pitts, Chaplain; Lois Ray, Publicity; and Theo Reading, Sunshine Lady.

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Roy N. Bringhurst

Roy N. Bringhurst, age 78, member of the East Mill Creek Chapter, died November 25, 1987. He was a graduate of the University of Utah and a veteran of World War II. Lived in California for 37 years where he was owner of the Lourel Toy Store. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce there, also President of Kiwanis. He was also active in the LDS Church, in many positions. He is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters and 25 grandchildren.

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Clifford I. Erickson

Clifford I. Erickson, age 65, a member of the Settlement Canyon Chapter of SUP, died November 13, 1987. A resident of Tooele, he attended the Utah State University and was a veteran of World War II. He was a civil service employee of the Federal Government, Dept. of the Army. He was active in the LDS Church, having served as Bishop, and other offices. He is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters and 25 grandchildren.

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Freedom has a Price

by Neldon B. Jensen

The price of freedom has never been set. Some partakers of freedom have paid more for it than others. It has cost the lives of men in all parts of the earth. For others it has cost a constant vigilance, an awareness of infringements. Some have given the courage and strength to stand in defense of freedom regardless of seemingly impossible opposition and odds. There are martyrs who have paid the supreme price and would gladly have given again. In contrast, there are those who contribute little and wish less were required. Their freedom allows them this privilege.

It is fearful to contemplate the loss of our freedom. It is our greatest possession. The most important thing to preserve for our children above riches, is the freedom for them to choose what they want to do and insure them the chance to do it.

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Royle H. Reeves

Royle H. Reeves, a Past President of the Box Elder Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers, died September 30, 1987. For all of his active life he operated a cleaning establishment in Brigham City. He was very active in civic affairs and in his Church. He filled two Stake missions and held many offices of responsibility. He left surviving his widow of Brigham City, three daughters and eleven grandchildren.

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Newel Parley Baker

Newel Parley Baker, 80, of the Brigham Young Chapter at Provo, died October 16, 1987. He was a past Stake President and Patriarch in the LDS Church and held many other positions. He is survived by his widow of Provo, four sons, two daughters, 37 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

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C. Lloyd Walch

C. Lloyd Walch, 89, of the South Davis SUP Chapter, died August 26, 1987. He was a past Stake President in two Stakes, Past President of the Hawaiian Temple and held many other Church positions. In civic life he was a former Deputy Collector for the Internal Revenue Service, and in later life was Administrator of the LeGrande Medical Center in Oregon, and later Administrator of the South Davis Medical Clinic in Utah. He is survived by his widow, four sons, 25 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

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David Wyner

David Wyner (aka Wiener) age 64, a member of the Canyon Rim Chapter of SUP, died October 27, 1987 in Murray, Utah. With his parents, he was an immigrant from Russia as a young man. He was a convert to the LDS Church and held many positions in it. He loved children and taught in the Primary organization. He owned a motel, also for 25 years was a salesman for the Aluminum Products Co. He is survived by his widow, three sons and 9 grandchildren. He was a veteran of World War II.

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Ned Alden Caldwell

Ned Alden Caldwell, 65, a member of the Brigham City Chapter of SUP, died on October 19, 1987. He held many positions in the LDS Church and was a High Priest at the time of his death. He was a chemical engineer in civic life and worked for Morton Thiokol Co. He is survived by his widow of Brigham City, four sons, two daughters and 20 grandchildren.

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